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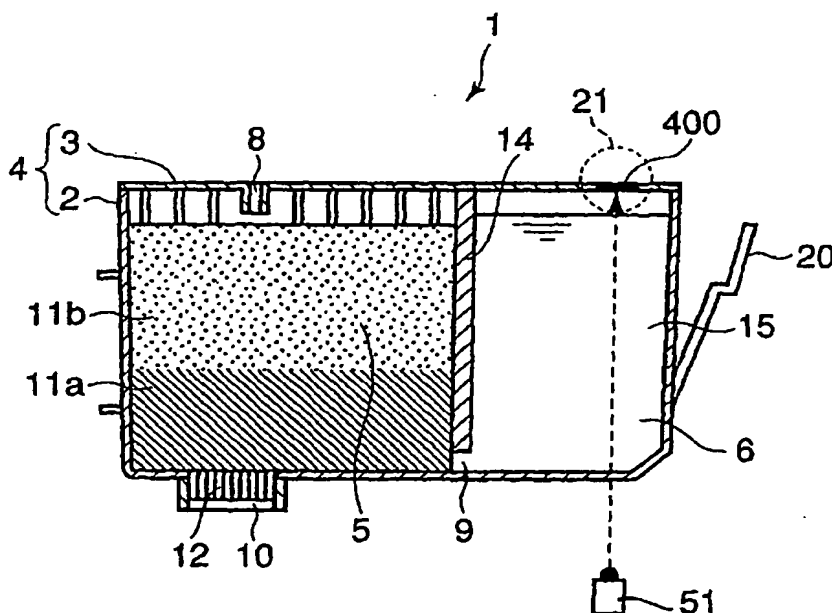
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a liquid tank having a liquid  
remaining amount sensing module  
that makes it possible to reliably  
determine that the amount of ink  
has reached a predetermined value,  
in spite of its simple and compact  
configuration. In the ink tank, an  
information storage element and  
a module are provided on a ceiling  
portion of an ink accommodating  
chamber directly accommodating  
ink; the module having an optical  
reflector that faces downward in  
a vertical direction. A housing  
of the ink tank is composed of a  
transparent resin. Infrared light  
from an external light emitting  
section is incident on the optical  
reflector. The reflected light is  
received by a light receiving section  
and then, the quantity of light is  
measured.

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